



Cross Quest offers youth adventures

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Have you ever dangled from a rope 150 feet off the ground?

How about surfing on the Redwood Coast?

Paintball games?

What about all three on the same weekend, intermixed with daily Bible studies? These are a few of the activities that make Cross Quest Expeditions stand out.

Cross Quest is an "extreme sports ministry" founded by Brian Thompson in spring 2002. He's a graduate of Illinois Valley High School, and George Fox University in Newbert.

With its base of operations in Illinois Valley, Cross Quest has adopted this goal: "To boldly pursue and proclaim Jesus Christ, using extreme sports to reach people with the salvation message of Jesus Christ and encourage those in Christ to share him with others."

Hosting leadership camps, surfing and rock climbing camps, an after-school program, and even an adventure race, Cross Quest has been bold indeed.

At its variety of camps, one of which included a rock-climbing adventure at famous Smith Rock in Central Oregon, Cross Quest has implemented a curriculum of physically and mentally challenging activities to emphasize Biblical principles.

"Just as Jesus used parables and stories to teach spiritual truths," said Thompson, "Cross Quest Expeditions strives to apply spiritual lessons to sports that push youth out of their comfort zones."

Notes Ben Lindskoog, a camper, "The camp definitely improved me personally as well as spiritually, and definitely built team skills. I met a lot of cool people and built some really strong friendships."

Looking ahead, Cross Quest Expeditions has its plate full. Winter sports are just around the corner, followed in spring by the an-



nual Wilderness Adventure Challenge based at Lake Selmac.

The latter event attracts youth and adult racers from throughout Southwestern Oregon to compete in biking, running, paddling and more.

After that will come another full summer of camps, and at the end of summer, the I.V. Extreme: a sports festival and youth outreach at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction.

On Friday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Cross Quest Expeditions will present its annual fund-raising banquet at IVHS. Donations from last year's banquet sponsored winter sports equipment, and with this year's proceeds Cross Quest hopes to make a similar purchase to broaden its programs.

The banquet will feature a professionally catered steak and chicken dinner courtesy of O'Brien resident Phil Aria; plus "Summer Camp '04" video presentation; and a silent auction.

Tickets are available at Dillon's Nursery and Treehouse Florist & Gifts. Anyone can attend and see what Cross Quest Expeditions is about.

Those with questions can phone 592-3329.

Photos above, which were provided, show some of the activities presented by Cross Quest, a Christian-based organization that will have a fund-raising dinner on Nov. 5 in Cave Junction.

'Going Upriver' movie on 27th

Siskiyou Project is sponsoring the showing of a movie, "Going Upriver," described as "the film that sets the record straight on John Kerry's military record."

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